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the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, who asked for representation on the board of trustees for the National Gallery and a grant from the government, Mr. Sinclair said the bill was wholly concerned with national galleries, and had no reference to scientific bodies. Apart from the question whether government assistance was possible or probable, he stated that government assistance carried with it the disadvantage of government control.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE will of the late Horace M. Potts bequeathes \$5,000 to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for the endowment of a free bed, and \$10,000 to the Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged Insane of the Lutheran Church. Most of the remainder of his estate, valued at \$75,000, is divided between the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and the University of Pennsylvania.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has promised \$30,000 to Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., for a library building, on condition that the same amount be raised for its maintenance, which amount is at the present time nearly in hand. The building will probably be begun in the course of the next month or two.

SUIT has been instituted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to compel the Catholic University of America to relinquish securities aggregating \$876,168 said to have been given the university by the late Thomas E. Waggaman a short time before proceedings in bankruptcy were begun against him. The plaintiffs declare that Waggaman permitted the attorneys for the Catholic University, to which he was indebted to the extent of about \$900,000, to select choice securities to cover his indebtedness to the institution, although it was his duty to keep all securities intact so that the complainants, as well as the university and other creditors, might have an equitable lien without priority discrimination.

TOWARDS the cost of extending the Union buildings and the furnishing and equipment of the library of Edinburgh University Sir Donald Currie and Mr. Andrew Carnegie have

each offered to contribute £6,000, provided £6,000 more is raised locally.

THE senate of London University has received from Mr. Martin White two further donations—one to provide a salary of £200 a year for Dr. Edward Westermarek, university lecturer in sociology, for a further period of five years, the other an additional sum of £700 for the establishment for five years of two scholarships a year each of the annual value of £35 and tenable for two years. In connection with Mr. White's benefaction, special courses will be delivered during the session 1906-7 on ethnology by Dr. A. C. Haddon, F.R.S., and on psychology by Dr. J. W. Slaughter, Ph.D. (Clark).

THE Medical College of Indiana, the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Fort Wayne College of Medicine have become one, and as such have become a part of Purdue University under the name, 'Indiana Medical College, the School of Medicine of Purdue University.'

It is proposed to establish a chair of geography in the University of Edinburgh.

A READERSHIP in meteorology has been instituted in London University.

THE council of Nottingham University College has decided to apply for a university charter. The college, which is now in its twenty-fifth year, has over 2,000 students.

THE new science buildings of Glasgow University will be opened in the spring of next year by the Prince of Wales.

MR. ALEXANDER MACKIE, M.A., assistant lecturer in education and in philosophy, Bangor University College, has been appointed assistant professor of education in Edinburgh University.

DR. JAMES P. HILL, late demonstrator in biology and lecturer on embryology in the University of Sydney, has been appointed to the Jodrell chair of zoology in University College, London.

DR. R. A. RAISS has been appointed associate professor of scientific photography at Lausanne.